

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. – 9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) A method of using short range wireless signals to detect proximity-determined context, comprising the steps of:

detecting, short range wireless signals from ~~a transmitter, said transmitter being associated with~~ at least one context-determining device;

recovering, from detected short range wireless signals, information that conveys at least the presence of said context-determining device or a subscriber unit coupled to said transmitter that is within a short range of said short range wireless signal subscriber unit or device;

deriving contextual information from said recovered information and logging the derived contextual information; and

forwarding said logged derived contextual information to a remote depository using a long range wireless transmitter in the subscriber unit ~~at least one service provider.~~

11. (original) The method of claim 10 wherein said step of recovering information further includes recovering at least one of:

the functionality of said device or said subscriber unit;

the identity of said device or said subscriber unit;

the operation of said device or said subscriber unit;

prior to the step of deriving contextual information.

12. – 20. (canceled)

21. (new) A system for obtaining context-determinative information from context-determinative devices, the system comprising:

a plurality of context-determinative devices each having a short range wireless signal transceiver, where the devices are in wireless signal range of each other and the short range wireless signal transceivers broadcast information about the devices via short range wireless signals; and

at least one subscriber unit configured to detect the short range wireless signals from at least one of the plurality of context-determinative devices, derive contextual information about the context-determinative devices from the short range wireless signals, and issue wireless control signals to at least one of the plurality of context-determinative devices based on the derived contextual information.

22. (new) The system as defined in claim 21, wherein the contextual information includes at least one of identity of the context-determinative device, functionality of the context-determinative device, operation of the context-determinative device.

23. (new) The system as defined in claim 21, wherein the plurality of context-determinative devices include a memory containing a stored validation data and are configured to determine authorization of the at least one subscriber unit for control access of the context-determinative device based on a comparison of data received from the subscriber unit with the validation data.

24. (new) The system as defined in claim 21, wherein the at least one subscriber unit is a context-determinative device and the subscriber unit issues short range wireless signals to at least one of the plurality of the context-determinative devices to enable the at least one of the plurality of context-determinative devices to determine context with respect to the at least one subscriber unit.

25. (new) A method of using short range wireless signals to detect context, the method comprising:

detecting with a subscriber unit, short range wireless signals emitted from at least one context-determinative device having a short range wireless signal transceiver, where the short range wireless signal transceiver broadcasts information about the device via the short range wireless signals;

deriving contextual information about the context-determinative devices from the short range wireless signals; and

issuing wireless control signals to the at least one context-determinative device based on the derived contextual information.

26. (new) The method as defined in claim 25, wherein the contextual information includes at least one of identity of the context-determinative device, functionality of the context-determinative device, operation of the context-determinative device.

27. (new) A subscriber unit for obtaining context-determinative information from at least one context-determinative device, the unit comprising:

a transceiver configured to detect and receive short range wireless signals from at least one context-determinative device having a short range wireless signal transceiver that broadcasts information about the devices via the short range wireless signals; and

a processor configured to derive contextual information about the at least one context-determinative device from the short range wireless signals, and issue wireless control signals based on the derived contextual information via the transceiver to the short range wireless signal transceiver in the at least one context-determinative device .

28. (new) The unit as defined in claim 27, wherein the contextual information includes at least one of identity of the context-determinative device, functionality of the context-determinative device, operation of the context-determinative device.

29. (new) A wireless device for obtaining context-determinative information from at least one context-determinative device having a short range wireless signal transceiver, wherein the short range wireless signal transceiver broadcasts contextual information about the device via short range wireless signals, the wireless device comprising:

a short range wireless receiver configured to detect the short range wireless signals from the context-determinative device;

a long range wireless transmitter configured to transmit data from the wireless device to another wireless device having a data repository; and

a processing unit configured to log contextual information about the context-determinative device derived from the detected short range wireless signals, and forward the logged contextual information to the data repository via the long-range transmitter.

30. (new) The device as defined in claim 29, wherein the contextual information includes at least one of identity of the context-determinative device, functionality of the context-determinative device, operation of the context-determinative device.